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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY DOHA

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AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA; SAUDI LOBBYING

1. AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULED OCT 19 MEETING IN RIYADH WITH MINFOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD COULD NOT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE OF SAUD'S SUDDEN TRAVEL TO JIDDA WHILE AMBASSADOR COMMITTED TO MEETING WITH YAMANI AND THREE NEW MINISTERS IN RIYADH. AMBASSADOR THEREFORE RAISED KOREAN QUESTION EVENING OCT 18 WITH SAUD'S CHEF DE CABINET, HASSAN SHAWWAF. SHAWWAF SAID THAT PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO BAROODY AT THE UN TO WORK ON GULF STATE REPS TO GET SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RES. SHAWWAF SAID HE DID NOT THINK INSTRUCTIONS HAD YET BEEN SENT TO SAUDI AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN THE GULF STATES ON THIS SUBJECT. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED TO SHAWWAF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO THE U.S. AND OTHER

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FRIENDS OF THE ROK AND SAID THAT THE OUTCOME WAS VERY

MUCH UP IN THE AIR AND COULD BE DECIDED BY SINGLE VOTE
ON A PROCEDURAL ISSUE. SHAWWAF UNDERTOOK TO SEE THAT
INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO SAUDI AMBASSADORS IN THE GULF.

2. MORNING OCTOBER 19 WE ALSO AGAIN RAISED KOREAN QUESTION
WITH ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS
NAJI MUFTI SAYING THAT WE HAD HOPED SAUDI AMBASSADORS IN
THE GULF WOULD HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT OUR DEMARCHES
ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. MUFTI SAID THAT HE HAD PREPARED A
MEMO CONTAINING THIS RECOMMENDATION FOR PRINCE SAUD'S
APPROVAL, BUT THAT DUE TO THE PRINCE'S ABSENCE IN CAIRO
AND THEN RIYADH HE HAD NOT YET SEEN IT. HE SAID THAT WITH
THE MINISTER IN JIDDA HE HOPED TO HAVE HIS APPROVAL LATER
TODAY. WE POINTED OUT THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER SINCE
THE FIRST AND POSSIBLY CRUCIAL PROCEDURAL VOTE COULD COME
AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 21.
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